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City of Elba ready to accept applications for license to sell alcoholic beverages

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting Monday evening was business as usual with the exception that City Clerk Wayne Grantham announced that the city of Elba is now ready to start accepting applications for license to sell alcoholic beverages.

Grantham explained that it took a while for city officials to learn the procedures themselves, but they are now ready to accept the application and to assist citizens in their quest to acquire the necessary state and municipal permits.

He suggested that applicants first apply with the Alabama ABC Board and when that has been accepted, then apply with the city. Grantham added that if a potential applicant is not familiar with the procedure, they can come by city hall and get a hand out with a list of items needed before going to the ABC office in Dothan. He said citizens could also get an educated guess on exactly how long the application process will take.

Grantham also said the ABC

office will handle application submissions by appointment only. The phone number in Dothan is 334-792-9155 and the contact person is Lisa Honea. The office is located at 325 N. Gates, St. Suite 7 (P.O. Box 1612), Dothan AL 36302.

The council approved a request to hold a public hearing on a proposal to close John Street, which is a short platted, but heretofore undeveloped, street off Winston St. The petition for the closure was signed by all abutting land owners.

Advertising for that hearing begins in this issue of The Elba Clipper, as required by state law. Monthly bills totaling \$12,567.85 were approved for payment. The two major accounts were \$2,364.46 for vehicle and equipment repairs and maintenance plus \$3,672.21 for purchase of rock and pipe.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that a long time dispatcher has retired, two police officers have resigned, another suffered a broken hand trying to stop a domestic dispute, and a fourth officer is on military leave for an undetermined amount of time.

During Coffee County Commission meeting Purchase order mishaps explained

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners found several department heads to be less than happy Monday morning, Jan. 13, as they attended the regular monthly meeting of the commission to discuss purchase order compliance.

Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns was the first to speak to commissioners, and he expressed his disappointment of learning about the situation from a newspaper article rather than the commission office.

The items, in question concerned materials ordered or received by the particular county departments without first obtaining a purchase order.

During the last commission meeting, county administrator Wilson Mobley said it has been the rule of the county to acquire a purchase order number before ordering the materials. He said this helps keep the budget on line.

However, Mobley pointed out several items that were purchased by several departments without getting the purchase order number first.

Burns said his invoice involved a \$205 purchase of filters and ammonia for a machine at the mapping and appraisals office. He said the truth of the matter in this case was that the employee actually saved the county \$50 by waiting to get the purchase order number until after the material was delivered. A shipping fee was avoided on the ammonia which is a hazardous material and expensive to ship.

Burns said the employee did not get the purchase order because she did not know the total cost until the materials were delivered. However, Mobley said the employee could have gotten the purchase order without knowing the amount.

"My employees didn't know they could get a purchase order number without the price," Burns said. "She wasn't trying to hide anything, just trying to

save the county some money." He continued by indicating that other department heads had said they also did not know a purchase order number could be obtained without the price, and in that respect he said he felt there is a lack of communication between the commission office and the county departments.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates was next to address the commission and began by saying, "This is a little bit of a sore subject because I felt it could be discussed in a different manner."

His items up for discussion included a towing fee, radio purchase and business cards.

"I don't know if commissioners are responsible for getting

purchase order numbers, but I expect you two would make a mistake over time."

Coffee County Jail administrator Zack Ennis also had a couple of things to be discussed, and he took a different approach to things.

With the first item, he said his department

apparently just failed to get a purchase order number, and he would take care of the cost if necessary.

As for the other item, he said the county was in the process of changing suppliers when the materials were purchased and the delivery time was one of those unavoidable after hours situations.

"I commend you for this and think you should stay on top of this, but we are humans and there are going to be mistakes," Ennis said.

With that said, Commissioner Roberts Stephens said these three department heads were nice enough to come and explain the purchases, therefore, he made a motion with a second that the county pay those bills since the department heads came to the meeting to offer an explanation. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

To close out the discussion, Mobley said, "If it's something

Whitworth also told council members that the new 60 kw back-up generator for the police department has been installed and will soon be operational. He also reported the receipt of six portable radios from a Management Agency grant.

Council members were given a copy of annual activity reports for the police officers and for the animal control officer.

Police officers logged 207,457 miles during the year and answered 14,373 calls for service. During this time span they made 1441 traffic arrests, issued 2561 traffic warnings and made 432 criminal arrests. Those arrests included 31 for DUI and 61 for drug law violations.

The animal control officer picked up 588 dogs, one pig and assisted residents with disposing of 27 cats.

Mayor James Grimes told council members that the street resurfacing project should resume soon, weather permitting. He also reported the levee rehab work was moving along fairly well.

Coffee County jail inmates flush more than paper

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners found themselves searching once again Monday, Jan. 13, for answers to continued sewer troubles at the Coffee County Jail.

Throughout the last few weeks, the county jail has experienced an overwhelming amount of trouble with its drainage system, and commissioners were filled with questions Monday morning during their regular bimonthly meeting.

County maintenance supervisor Phil Rugg and jail administrator Zack Ennis discussed the problem with commissioners, and Rugg provided photographs of the source of the problem.

He said jail inmates were taking mattresses and linens from their beds and flushing them down the toilet. This

eventually caused a backup with the sewage as the materials made their way to the pump system and stopped it up.

Rugg said not only is it expensive for the county to replace the pump every time it is destroyed by the materials, but the amount of money the county has been forced to pay in employee overtime has been outstandingly high lately.

Commissioner Jim Thompson said it seems as though the county has a problem that needs immediate attention in finding a remedy.

"I would hate for Coffee County to go broke because we are spending money every week to fix sewer problems," Thompson said. "I think who ever is doing this should be punished."

Ennis said it if often hard to catch those responsible for the problem considering there is generally only three correction

officers on duty to watch the more than 100 inmates at any given time. Also, he said the fact that cameras are not allowed in the bathroom area of the jail adds to the problem of finding who is responsible.

"We have 50 toilets at the jail, and there is no way to monitor what goes in and out of every one," Ennis said.

However, he did say that any inmate caught flushing such materials down the toilet would lose his/her inmate privileges at the jail. He added that this often proves more effective than trying to charge the inmate with a misdemeanor crime and going through the court system to recover the loss.

From a maintenance point of view, Rugg said the county can put a pump in that will pump the materials through; however, this will cause a problem down at the end of the line. He

said this would eventually cause a problem for others, and he did not think the county wanted to do such a thing. Instead, he said he will continue to work to try and find a solution.

In the mean time, Ennis suggested holding a workshop to discuss various things the county can do better in an attempt to try and solve the problem.

"Coffee County is not the only one with this problem," he said. "Every jail deals with things like this."

With that in mind, Ennis said he will check with other county jails to get ideas of how they deal with such troubles. Commissioners agreed that a workshop would be a good idea and asked Ennis and Rugg search for solutions to this problem in an attempt to keep additional county money from going down the drain.

Coffee County BOE proceeds with list of capital projects

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Once again, capital projects took center stage at the regular monthly meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education Thursday evening, Jan. 9, as board members prepared to step forward with some of the proposed projects.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram told board members that the architect has plans ready for the interior work planned at

Zion Chapel Elementary School. She also said there has been interest in acquiring an air conditioning for the New Brockton High School auditorium, as well as, upgrading the air conditioning system in the auditorium at Kingston.

Other projects discussed included a covered walkway at Zion Chapel Elementary School and outside work to the facade of the school buildings where the weather has caused some

wear and tear over the years.

Before proceeding, board members placed the capital projects in a priority order of what needs to be done first with the funds the school system has for such projects.

The Zion Chapel interior project remained at the top of the list with the air conditioning projects at New Brockton and Kingston coming next. Then, board members felt the facade of the buildings should be the next project with the canopy at Zion Chapel following it.

Ingram said she would like to go ahead and proceed with the projects; therefore, she asked for permission from board members to contact the architect to proceed with drawing up plans for mentioned projects so bids can be sent out for each.

"I would also like to mention that we're proceeding on the Zion Chapel ball field," Ingram said. "We're making every dollar we've got go as far as we can."

As of last week, she said the Zion Chapel Athletic Club was working on putting up the concrete dugouts at the field. Also, she said work was in progress on the concession stand bathroom.

In other business, the board: * Approved a motion to prepare bids for three new school buses in which Ingram said the school has fleet renewal money

to cover the cost of the buses.

* Approved a motion to revise Board Policy EDFA which now allows the school system to pay bus drivers at least minimum wage for field trips.

* Received a request to revise Board Policy BC. This policy deals with board meetings, and Ingram said the board had received a request to change the monthly meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. Board members will vote on the proposed policy change during the February meeting.

Before adjourning for the evening, a couple of presentations were made with one singling out board member Annette Griswold and the other recognizing all seven board members.

Griswold was recently recognized along with other board members by the Alabama Association of School Boards' School Board Academy for advancing to Level One in the Academy.

As for the other board members, Ingram recognized the group as a whole in celebration of National School Board Month. The superintendent thanked each board member for his/her dedication to the students of Coffee County and presented them with a few keepsakes.



ELBA LEVEE REHAB work continues with a major cutting of the existing levee and the lowering of this storm drain pipe by several feet due to the planned installation of a holding pond. This site is behind the old Elba High School gym. There was an existing storm drain through the levee at this location, but to allow for the storm water holding pond, it had to be removed and a new pipe installed at a lower level.

Elba city officials have long range plans of installing another pumping system, as is now installed and working in the old Beaver Dam Creek bed, just off Putnam Street. Such a pump is necessary to lift the storm water up and over the levee during times when Pea River and Whitewater Creek levels rise above the elevation of these drain pipes and they are automatically closed to prevent river water from back flowing inside the levee.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

It is not unusual for activists types to begin feeling their oats after being on the winning side of a debate with a government type organization. We think that is what happened in Leesburg, VA recently. A group of upset citizens had complained loudly about something or another, and the county government changed their position on the issue. The leaders of their loose knit group apparently began to believe they can walk on water (or something) and followed up with an all night "pajama sit-in" because they didn't like the 7:30 a.m. time of morning the commission was planning to hold a special meeting. We don't know how successful their sit-in was, but hope that somehow or another the "main man" in that group is made to understand there are some things we need to leave to the elected officials. If we just can't stand it at all, then we need to stand for election personally, using stuff like that as our platform. This will allow all the voters to express their feelings at that time in the way the founding fathers intended.

This is the time of the year when all the experts come out with their predictions for the coming year and/or the next 50 years. Tuesday morning we were reading one of those experts reporting that "knowledge" will be the key resource for the Next Society. He pointed out that in the 1950s about 35% of the jobs in the U.S. were manufacturing jobs. We assume that means manual labor. Now the percentage has dropped to about 10% and expected to drop even lower. More and more folks will be in the business of advising, consulting, etc. What and just whom they will advise and consult was not made very clear. He predicts that the Information Revolution which started with the invention of computers some 50 years ago will rival the Industrial Revolution in impact on our society. While the railroad mastered distance, e-commerce will eliminate it. How much of this becomes reality is anyone's guess, but our younger generation had probably be ready or at least remain flexible in order to survive.

Next Monday is "The Day" in Alabama. January 20th will be swearing in day for our new governor. Last weekend there were still some tickets left to the fancy inaugural ball, but Tuesday morning we received an e-mail announcing that all 4,000 tickets have been sold. That is a lot of tuxedo rentals, not to mention the fancy new dresses purchased just for this event! We hope they all have fun and leave the ballroom feeling their money was well spent.

Anyone in downtown Elba during the last couple of months has surely faced several of the dump trucks hauling clay for the levee project. We have noticed these truck drivers are alert and attentive to what is going on around them; however, that does not eliminate the necessity for each of us to watch them and other drivers). One misstep can cause a major accident and with the increased truck traffic in downtown Elba, smart folks know to be even more alert to what is happening around them.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of January 6, 2003, through January 12, 2003. They were: Danette Hattaway, Ruby Boothe, William Donaldson, Joel Kelley, Anna Mae Daniels, William Donaldson, Hazel Todd Miller, Don Boothe, Roy Clark, Shirley Walker, Idell Smith, Hazel Parker, LaQueen Sams, Odell Pridden, Vivian Reynolds, Sheila Magwood, Lillie McGowan and Cupidan Crook.

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108th Congress must face many issues

Editorial by
Senator Richard Shelby

As we enter a new year, we have many important issues to face as a nation and as a Congress. We are still in the midst of a global war on terrorism, and the threat of rogue nations like Iraq and North Korea continue to increase and threaten peace worldwide. Domestically we face many challenges as well, including a struggling economy and important questions about homeland security.

Despite this uncertainty, I am not discouraged, but rather optimistic about the future of our nation and Alabama. Americans are resilient and resourceful, and we will confront these challenges like we always have and, together, help to build a stronger, safer nation for future generations. I want to take this opportunity to share with you some of the challenges I see and plan to tackle this year as we begin a new session of Congress.

With the close of the 107th Congress, I leave the Senate Select Intelligence Committee. I served on the Committee for eight years - four and a half of those years as Chairman and the last one and a half as Vice-Chairman. The importance and seriousness of my work on that Committee cannot be overstated. My responsibilities to that Committee took a tremendous

amount of my focus, and I leave grateful that I had the opportunity to serve our nation in this important capacity. Although term limits for Committees require me to step down from the Intelligence Committee, I will continue to work with the President to ensure the safety of all Americans both here and abroad.

With the change in majority Congress, I now have the privilege to serve as Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee. This Committee will take up many important issues this year, some anticipated and some not anticipated.

The primary focus of my attention in the coming year will be to do whatever is necessary to further restore and ensure the integrity and credibility of our capital markets. I believe that the Committee and the Congress have an important and active role in achieving this goal and it will be my overarching concern.

I still firmly believe that the United States has the most transparent and vibrant markets in the world. So as we work to restore the confidence that has been lost in our markets, it is vitally important that we act thoughtfully and prudently in order to do no harm to the market as we seek to prevent harm

to the market. History tells us that many times our markets are very capable of fixing themselves, so as we legislate, we need to be mindful not to disrupt these positive market forces while at the same time setting the kinds of standards and accountability we need to restore investor confidence, both at home and abroad.

Another important issue we will face in this Congress is the issue of tax cuts to stimulate the economy. While I agree with those who say it is important to pay down the national debt, I believe we can do this in a responsible manner and still pay back surplus dividends to the American people.

It is essential to reduce the tax burdens on Alabamians and all Americans in order to stimulate spending and the economy. This is one of the quickest ways to boost a slumping economy - putting money back into the hands of the people who earned it. I look forward to working with Congress and the President to come up with a responsible tax stimulus package that will

ease the tax burden we all face. Great challenges and great opportunities lie ahead in the 108th Congress, and must be approached with responsible leadership. I look forward to the year ahead, and to working hard for a stronger economy and safer America for all Alabamians.

NOTICE

There will be four categories in the 2003 Miss Elba pageants to include: Future Little Miss Elba (Ages 4 and 5); Little Miss Elba (First Grade students); Miss Elba (7th-10th Grade students); and Miss Elba (Ages 17-21).

Those planning to participate in the pageant must meet the age requirement of Oct. 24, 2003, and all contestants must have a permanent Elba address. For more information, call Destiny Hudson (897-3619 or 897-0031) or Melissa Flowers (897-5610).

The pageants will be held Saturday, March 15, in the Elba High auditorium.

Girl Scout cookies currently on sale

The 2003 Girl Scout Cookie Sale kicked off on Friday, January 10, 2003 with Girl Scouts taking pre-orders. Cookies will be delivered beginning February 11, and both sales begin February 14. The Cookie Sale runs through March 2, 2003.

There's something to satisfy a variety of tastes, with eight varieties of cookies being offered this year: Trefoil, Thin Mint, Samoas, Do-Si-Do, Tagalong, Aloha Chip, All Abouts, and the reduced-fat Oat'Os. The cookies freeze well, so supporters can stock their freezers to satisfy those cookie cravings throughout the year. Girl Scout cookies are \$3.00 per box, and proceeds support Girl Scout Scouting throughout the council's 16-county region.

For information about the 2003 Girl Scout Cookie Sale, including how to find a Girl Scout troop in your area so that you can order cookies, call Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama, Inc. at (334) 272-9164 or (800) 239-6636 or e-mail scoutscolorado@scsa.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Parks and Recreation Department and Human Resource Development would like to thank everyone who contributed to Operation Santa. It was a huge success. Thank you for the food drives, toy drives and all monetary and time donations. Everyone working together made Operation Santa a big success for Elba.

Ricky Mulaz
Charlotte Caldwell
Dottie Stricklin

Letter to the editor

My church has gotten a bad rap. I am a Catholic. General child abuse is not limited to Catholic priests.

"While dates are sketchy, at least one expert believes the incidence of clergy molesting young children may be about as frequent or infrequent in Protestantism as it is in Catholicism," reports AP religion writer Richard N. Ostling. Pont State historian Philip Jenkins says Catholic cases are exaggerated and Protestant cases are ignored.

"Despite headlines focusing on the priest pedophile problem in the Roman Catholic Church, most American churches being hit with child sexual-abuse allegations are Protestant, and most of the alleged abusers are not clergy or staff, but church volunteers," according to The Christian Science Monitor.

"Over the past decade, the pace of child-abuse allegations against American churches has averaged 70 a week."

Child abuse is an affront to our society in and out of a religious framework. It is easier for everyone else to sweep it under the rug when the spotlight centers on one side of the religious aisle.

Let's drag religious child abuse everywhere into the sunshine where we can see the enemy for a better light.

Michael Hammonds
Anderson, Sr.

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that happens late at night or over the weekend, the employee needs to get the purchase order number the next work day and not wait a week or longer as did some of the discussed items."

In other business, the commission:

* Approved a motion to accept Wade, McNamara and Parrish as the architect for the construction of the Mount Pleasant and Ino Senior Citizen Centers through the Community Enhancement Grant provided by ADECA. An amendment to

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NOTE OF THANKS
The Family of Pearl Barker Moseley

We would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one, Pearl Barker Moseley. Your prayers, calls, cards, visits, food, and memorial gifts were sincerely appreciated. God bless each of you and continue to keep us in your prayers.

Dale Moseley Family
Nellie Martin

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No words can express our heartfelt appreciation for all the many acts of kindness during our loss. We would like to express to all the people our thanks for your prayers, love, concern, caring and thoughtfulness during the loss of our dearly beloved one, Billy Archie. God bless each of you.

Shirley Archie - Wife
and Daughters - Amanda, Jennifer & Chanda

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Special thanks to Mr. Wynell Gray for his donation for clients at Elba Adult Day Care. They were able to have fresh fruit, cookies & candy for Christmas.

Thank God for a citizen like Mr. Gray.
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Obituaries

HENRY A. TILLMAN

Mr. Henry A. Tillman, age 92, of Jack, Ala., died Jan. 9, 2003 at his residence.

Funeral services were held at Dillard Funeral Home Chapel in Brundidge, Ala. on January 12, 2003 with Rev. Don Grantham officiating. Burial followed at Chestnut Grove Cemetery in the Chestnut Grove Community with Dillard Funeral Home of Brundidge, Ala. directing.

Mr. Tillman was preceded in death by his wife, Winnie Clyde Rogers Tillman.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Bernell and Jack Spivey, Jack, Ala.; two grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

MAUDIE (CROCKER) LEWIS

Mrs. Maudie (Crocker) Lewis, age 82, of Nashville, Ga., passed away Jan. 8, 2003 at the Hospital in Nashville.

Funeral services were held Jan. 14, 2003 from the Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Harry Hobbs officiating. Burial followed in the Meadowlawn Cemetery with Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Wesley was preceded in death by two brothers, Joel Hutto and Jimmy Hutto; and one grandson, Ryan Scroggins.

Survivors include her husband, Rev. Jovis E. Wesley, New Brockton, Ala.; her father, Henry Byrd Hutto, Enterprise, Ala.; three daughters, Janice, Fay, Scroggins, Enterprise, Ala.; Martha Ann Wesley, Dothan, Ala.; Rita Jean McDaniel, Slocomb, Ala.; one son, Jovis Lance Wesley, Enterprise, Ala.; two sisters, Peggy Hix and Joyce Adams, both of Columbus, Ga.; three brothers, Dan Hutto, Chancelor, Ala.; J.L. Hutto and Sammy Hutto, both of Enterprise, Ala.; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

CHARLES HENRY JOHNSON
Mr. Charles Henry Johnson died Nov. 26, 2002 in Portland, Oregon after a long illness. He was born Dec. 23, 1932 on the family farm just outside Elba on the Elba/Samson highway. Mr. Johnson attended Elba High School and was a member of the 1950 graduating class. The Elba yearbook for 1950 shows that he played football and was voted "wittiest boy" of the senior class. After high school Mr. Johnson enlisted in the US Navy and served aboard the USS Repose during the Korean War.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003 at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church on the Elba/Samson highway.

Charles is survived by a son and daughter: Michael Johnson and Kelly Anable; four grandchildren: Ryan, Carley, Micayla and Jack; a brother, JB; and nieces: Sherri Sayles and Tracey Johnson.

WILLIAM MIDDLETON
Deacon William Middleton, age 69, of Milton, Fla., formerly of Andalusia, died Dec. 21, 2002.

Charles is survived by a son and daughter: Michael Johnson and Kelly Anable; four grandchildren: Ryan, Carley, Micayla and Jack; a brother, JB; and nieces: Sherri Sayles and Tracey Johnson.

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PEARL STEPHENS DANIELS

Mrs. Pearl Stephens Daniels, age 87, a resident of Enterprise Nursing Home, died Jan. 9, 2003 after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Jan. 12, 2003 in the Sorells Funeral Home Chapel, Geneva, Ala., with the Rev. Richard Thorne and Rev. Martha Baxter officiating. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens with Sorells Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Daniels was preceded in death by her husband, Zack L. Daniels.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Gene (Ann C.) Daniels, Don (Jeanette) Daniels, both of Samson, Ala.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judith D. (Ira L.) Walker, Samson, Ala.; Carolyn (Bill) Dugan, Elba; two brothers, Ray (Yvonne) Stephens, Bonifay, Fla.; Dallas Stephens, Panama City, Fla.; five grandchildren and six great-grandsons.

MAUDIE (CROCKER) LEWIS
Mrs. Maudie (Crocker) Lewis, age 82, of Nashville, Ga., passed away Jan. 8, 2003 at the Hospital in Nashville.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, 2003 at Lovin Funeral Home Chapel in Nashville with Rev. Richard Trawick officiating. Burial followed at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Thomasville, Ga.

Survivors include one son, John Anthony Miller, Milton, Fla.; two daughters, Yvonne (Miller) Tuttle, Ft. Myers, Fla.; Rebecca Gail (Miller) Reynolds, Arlington, Va.; one brother, Willie C. Crocker, Elba; four sisters, Grace Culver, Elba, Lois Hepler, Phenix City, Ala.; Nell Zinn, Duncan, Okla.; Mary Turpin, Fayetteville, Ga.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

CHARLES HENRY JOHNSON
Mr. Charles Henry Johnson died Nov. 26, 2002 in Portland, Oregon after a long illness. He was born Dec. 23, 1932 on the family farm just outside Elba on the Elba/Samson highway. Mr. Johnson attended Elba High School and was a member of the 1950 graduating class. The Elba yearbook for 1950 shows that he played football and was voted "wittiest boy" of the senior class. After high school Mr. Johnson enlisted in the US Navy and served aboard the USS Repose during the Korean War.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003 at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church on the Elba/Samson highway.

Charles is survived by a son and daughter: Michael Johnson and Kelly Anable; four grandchildren: Ryan, Carley, Micayla and Jack; a brother, JB; and nieces: Sherri Sayles and Tracey Johnson.

WILLIAM MIDDLETON
Deacon William Middleton, age 69, of Milton, Fla., formerly of Andalusia, died Dec. 21, 2002.

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NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one, Pearl Barker Moseley. Your prayers, calls, cards, visits, food, and memorial gifts were sincerely appreciated. God bless each of you and continue to keep us in your prayers.

Dale Moseley Family
Nellie Martin

CARD OF THANKS

No words can express our heartfelt appreciation for all the many acts of kindness during our loss. We would like to express to all the people our thanks for your prayers, love, concern, caring and thoughtfulness during the loss of our dearly beloved one, Billy Archie. God bless each of you.

Shirley Archie - Wife
and Daughters - Amanda, Jennifer & Chanda

Card of Thanks
Special thanks to Mr. Wynell Gray for his donation for clients at Elba Adult Day Care. They were able to have fresh fruit, cookies & candy for Christmas.

Thank God for a citizen like Mr. Gray.
Manager-Lee

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

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Scripture: John 11: 20 - 27
 ***Thinking of you, praying for you: Jean Hart, Jason Gully, Lovie Hooks, Betty Burkes, Versie Barnes, Wallace and Mattie Belcher, Leo Henderson, Edd Manning, Faye Manning, Marie Tillis, Ella M. Brooks, Elsie Capps, Cary Lindsey, Ethel Ellard, Mary Alice Blue, and Julia Phillips.
 ***January Birthdays: Bobby Gully - January 13, Nuncie Kelley - January 14.
 ***Annual Choir Day will be held at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church on January 19, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. Song service is 11:00 a.m.
 Deadline For Church News Is MONDAY!!

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 • Dothan - Northcutt's On Main (793-9338)

This performance is made possible in part by a grant from The Alabama State Council On The Arts

Westside Baptist Church to hold Kids Crusade

Making a You-turn Kids Crusade, grades K - 6 will be held at Westside Baptist Church on January 18, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Fun, food, games, stories and more!

Shiloh Baptist Church to host gospel singing January 18

Shiloh Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing this Saturday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. featuring Masters Call. Everyone is invited to attend.

Jack Assembly of God plans revival service for January 20-24

Jack Assembly of God will be holding revival services January 20 - 24 with Bro. Brad Ruis from Moultrie, Ga. Monday through Friday evening services begin at 7 p.m. and Friday evening service begins at 7:30 p.m. Jack Assembly of God Church is located on Coffee County Road 208 in the Jack Community. Everyone is invited to attend.

A.M.E. Churches of S. AL Ninth District to hold gala banquet

The A.M.E. Churches of the South Alabama Conference, Ninth Episcopal District, will host a gala banquet on Saturday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn West in Dothan. Donations of \$50.00 per ticket will be accepted, with proceeds going toward the construction of an A.M.E. Center to be used for church and community activities. Checks made payable to the South Alabama Conference Lay Organization may be mailed to Loretha Reeves, Lay Organization Treasurer, 417 Milford St., Dothan, AL 36303. Tickets for the banquet is formal or semi-formal. Tickets are available from Franklin Simmons (334-393-3827), Loretha Reeves (334-793-5876), and Juanita Gibson (334-566-4325). For more information, contact Ms. Knight at 334-727-7059 or James Roberts at 334-792-8249. Please RSVP by Jan. 17 by calling Knight. Donations toward this effort will be accepted at any time and may be mailed to Reeves at the address listed above.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. W.K. Ellison Harris Temple COGIC

Balancing Devotion and Duty

Luke 10:38-42

Martha and Mary were sisters who lived in the village of Bethany, a suburb of Jerusalem. It appears Martha was the elder, for v. 38 speaks of Martha's receiving Jesus "into her house." Thus, Martha felt more keenly the domestic responsibilities of keeping house and the demands of providing hospitality. On the occasion Martha complained to Jesus that Mary was not helping her in the kitchen. Jesus gently reminded her that Mary hath chosen that good part - sitting at His feet.

Many have tended to distinguish Martha as the "practical one" and Mary as "the spiritual one." However, the Scriptures indicate that Martha also sat at Jesus' feet (v. 39) and that Mary also served (v. 40). Both of these women reveal unique spiritual gifts with which they lovingly served God. They remind us of the importance of balancing personal devotion with practical duties. These are not irreconcilable facts and should never be allowed to be pitted against one another.

I often express to my congregation the difference and the importance of doing the Lord's work and church work. I refer to "doing the Lord's work" to that which Mary portrayed in this passage and "church work" to that of Martha. Both are essential and must be performed. Some members want to come and bask in His presence, enjoy the service, greet a few people as they leave to go home until the next time for service. They are like little sponges, always absorbing. Sponges can only absorb so much before its contents have to be squeezed out to allow further absorption. This is where we sometimes become frustrated because that which we absorbed is being released. We are pregnant with ministry but not giving birth.

The church's Martha's on the contrary are always busy being good hostesses; meeting the physical needs of the church. They see things to be done that the Mary's don't see. They often get frustrated because they feel like they are the only ones doing anything in the church. They are careful (worried) and troubled about many things to the point of forgetting that which is needed. Proverbs 11:1 states, "A false deceptive balance is abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight." God's desire for His people is balance. Balance is to weigh by comparing two arguments, advantages, choices, etc. Both sides are compared, and whatever is needed to equalize them is added. What is the result of your being weighed in the balance? Are you a Martha or a Mary? God's desire for you is to be both! We must obtain balance in our lives! So from this moment on, let us seek balance so that the kingdom of God can go forth.

The Sammy Glass family to be at Wise Mill Assembly of God Church

The Sammy Glass Family will be attending the church is located at 233 County Road 224, off Highway 125, about six miles from Elba. For more information call 897-3520.

Sammy Glass Family to be in concert at Haw Hill Assembly of God January 18

Haw Hill Assembly of God will hold a gospel singing on January 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Community-wide Black History banquet to be held February 1

Community-wide Black History banquet sponsored by Club Yespech, Inc., Enterprise, AL, will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2003 at Enterprise State Junior College. Activities begin at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Tonya Terry, anchor of "Today in Alabama" on WFAA-TV Montgomery, AL. For ticket information call Mary Merritt at 334-347-8585.

Victoria Baptist Church is planning revival services for January 26-28

Revival services will be held at Victoria Baptist Church located on Hwy. 125 (approx. 12 miles North of Elba). Gary and Mari Means will be the guest ministry and Mari will assist with a ventriloquist program. These services are planned for January 26-28, and Sunday Night will begin at 6:00 and Monday & Tuesday night at 7:00. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Cindy Murphy to speak at Elba Church of God on January 28

Mrs. Cindy Murphy will be speaking at the Elba Church of God Fellowship Hall on January 28, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The topic of discussion will be eating healthy and jmlfivghnjmk Bypass Surgery. Bring a low fat or no fat dish.

The Coffee County Democratic Conference to meet January 18th

The Coffee County Democratic Conference (ADC) will meet Saturday, January 18, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Beulah Baptist Church on Carroll Street, Enterprise, Ala. All members and other interested persons are asked to be present.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday

LIFESTYLES



Coffee County Winner Emma Butler, Enterprise and Donna Clark, Elba High School teacher.

Emma Butler selected as Coffee County D.A.R. Good Citizen

On December 7, 2002, the John Coffee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution announced the winner of the Coffee County D.A.R. Good Citizen Award. This award recognizes senior citizens in accredited public, parochial, and private schools who excel in the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. This is a prestigious award because the students are selected by recommendations of both faculty and peers in the local school.

Emma Butler, the overall winner, was chosen as one of four local winners from the high schools in the county. Each local winner is asked to complete a detailed resume including activities that show his or her qualities as a good citizen which include dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. The student also writes an essay on patriotism.

The four local winners for 2002-2003 were: Emma Butler, of Enterprise High School is the daughter of Glen and Sherry Butler. She is a member of the varsity volleyball, basketball and soccer teams; is in the National Honor Society, named in Who's Who Among American High School Students; is an Enterprise High School Wildcat Representative and attended Girl's State. Among other community activities, Emma has volunteered at Christian Mission, taught Vacation Bible School and has participated in the Live Nativity production of her church. Her future plans include becoming an ultrasound technician.

Rena Donaldson of New Brockton High School is the daughter of Mike and Sharon Donaldson. Rena is the 2003 valedictorian, is named in Who's Who Among American High School Students, won the Superintendent's award, is the school's nominee for Wendy's High School Heisman, attended Girl's State and she is active in varsity athletics. She has also participated in community activities including the March of Dimes Walk America.

Samantha Williams from Elba High School is the daughter of Shana and Steve Williams. Samantha is a member of the varsity softball and volleyball teams, the EHS Chorus, and Senior Beta. She was named in Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a Wendy's Heisman nominee, and is the Ronald McDonald Club Leadership Top Ten. Samantha also serves as pianist and assistant youth choir director for the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church.

Tara Williams from Kinston High School is the daughter of Edward and Rhonda Williams. Tara's awards and activities include: editor of the yearbook, president of Beta Club, Girl's State delegate, Danforth I Dare You Leadership Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students, United States National Leadership Merit Award, All-American Scholar, and National Honor Roll. She plans to major in nursing and become an obstetric nurse.

These students were guests of honor at a luncheon at the Magnolia Room in Enterprise. The D.A.R. members, the honored students, and their parents attended the luncheon as well as grandparents and siblings. The winners were introduced by Good Citizen Committee Chairperson Donna Clark. Mrs. Clark gave some of the qualifications of each student and listed many of their activities. A portion of each student's essay was also read. Each student received a certificate and pin. The county winner received a \$50 savings bond and her resume and essay will be sent to the district level for competition. The winner of the National D.A.R. Good Citizen Award will be awarded a \$800 scholarship.

Coffee County Arts Alliance to present The Hungarian Symphony Orchestra

The Coffee County Arts Alliance presents The Hungarian Symphony Orchestra, Pecs. The performance will be January 17, 2003 at 7:30 PM in the High School Auditorium. Enterprise, Alabama. Founded in 1811, the 50 member Pecs Symphony Orchestra from Budapest has toured extensively throughout Europe and the United Kingdom. Under the direction of guest conductor, Philippe De Chalendar, selections from the works of Rossini, Mozart, Chopin, Leo Weiner, Bela Bartok, Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Schubert will be performed. Guest pianist, Makiko Hirata, will perform with the orchestra.



Loyd & Virginia Jordan to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Loyd and Virginia Jordan will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, January 26, 2003 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Victoria Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall. All family and friends are invited to attend. No gifts please.

Amanda Wood to wed David DeBore Saturday, January 25

Ruth Ann DeBore announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her son, David T. DeBore to Amanda D. Wood, the daughter of Glenda Ann Aldridge. They will be united in holy matrimony on Saturday the 25th of January 2003.

Birthday Girls.....

Journee Daijane Mitchell celebrated her first birthday on Dec. 22, 2002, with a party at Subway, with family and friends enjoying the party with her.

Journee is the daughter of Johnny Mitchell and Jeanneva Ordon. Grandparents are Eva Miller, Velma and the late John Coleman, all from Elba. Trinity Brinyae Miller will celebrate her third birthday on Jan. 27, 2003. She is the daughter of Bernard and Jackie Miller of Opp. Grandparents are Eva Miller, Elba, and Virginia Gips, Opp. The birthday girls are second cousins.



Journee Daijane Mitchell & Trinity Brinyae Miller

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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Ben Stahard, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Jimmy Simmons, Minister Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.	NO BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Gary Willard, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.	NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Duane Delmaine, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.	ROBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 7:00 p.m.	SHADY GROVE A.M.E. Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m. Praise Service Mon.: 5:00 p.m.	SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Mike Randall, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.	NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Pastor: Ray Gilie-Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 7:00 p.m.	NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Ray Layton, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.	SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 7:15 p.m.	NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Pastor: Ray Gilie-Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. 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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight

by Shawna Hill



In this week's spotlight is junior Randy Miller. He is the 17-year-old grandson of Eva Miller. Randy is a member of the Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church and an employee of Hardee's. He's a participant of the EHS Chorus, FBLA and VICA and enjoys playing the keyboard, singing, working, attending church, helping others, spending money on family and friends, shopping and ministering.

Congratulations to Randy Miller!!!!

Fairness

by Ayonna Procter

Just, equitable is the Webster's Dictionary definition for fairness. How I feel about and view fairness is totally different. It's neither "just" nor "equitable"; fairness is not fair. Fairness would not be a word if there was no unfairness. The majority of people in the world get the short end of the stick and are either unfair individuals or are treated unfairly. Fairness isn't always present. It comes and goes often. Nothing is ever going to be fair in this life-time. In conclusion, what are you born for? To live. What is living? Life. What is life? Unfair. That's just the way it is.

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Tiger Tales

Editor:
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Editorial...Express Yourself

by Mary Katherine Head

Ear and body piercing is an age-old art form. It was originally done for various reasons, one being a sign of devotion to a certain religion, tribe or other group.

The most recent body-piercing movement began in the homosexual, punk and gang communities. For those outside the aforementioned communities, anything aside from a female with pierced ears was considered taboo.

However, others have begun to express themselves as well, and the piercing mania has become wildly popular among all groups, especially within

generation Y. Guys and girls alike walk down the streets with pierced ears.

Why then, does the Elba High School handbook forbid male students from wearing earrings while at school? They can no longer be strictly classified as gang paraphernalia.

Piercings are a form of self-expression and a fashion statement. These students' rights are being violated by not allowing them to wear earrings while girls freely walk around campus wearing their studs and hoops.

Let's take a step forward and realize that an earring does not necessarily mean disrespect, fights and the end of the world.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Alex Benbow)...Yeah, I'm talking to you.

ESJC News

Enterprise State Junior College's Personal Computer Use Made Easy—Level III, offers an opportunity for participants to improve computer usage proficiency and to gain experience using Microsoft Works software. Successful completion of Personal Computer Use Made Easy—Level II is recommended but not required. A 3 1/2" diskette as required for the first class. There is a \$40.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is February 11. Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 18-27, 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Mallory Allen selected as Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership candidate for EHS

by Katie Driggers

Every year a student from Elba High School is selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar. This year Mallory Allen was selected to attend. Mallory is in the tenth grade, and she participates in many school activities such as cheerleading, volleyball, softball, Spanish Club, Sr. Beta, Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS), SGA and Mu Alpha Theta.

The leadership seminars are designed to prepare our

try's high school sophomores to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, schools, work-place and community. Approximately 15,000 selected high school students from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and Mexico attend annually.

Positive outcomes from the seminars include improved critical thinking skills, enhanced leadership skills, better understanding of the democratic process, developing goal-setting skills and realizing the importance of leadership.

Although most of the weekend will consist of seminar sessions, there will also be an opportunity to socialize and meet new people.

Congratulations to Mallory for receiving this honor!

Selected poems from Mrs. Pattie's English class

Brittany LaChelle Cooper

I was born on April 11th, 1986,
I always threw a temper tantrum, loving to scream
and kick.

My childhood was hectic,
Though now it's just a blur.

It seems to me
Like World War III

Was crashing behind our door.
But I grew up.

And my life change.
I found a love so true.

He took my tears
And locked them away.

Once again my sky was blue.
I had big dreams of growing up.

Of moving far away.
Then at sixteen I got my first car.

Man, that feeling was great!
I was going to be a nurse.

And marry my first true love.
I would grow old and pass way.

Full of kisses and hugs.
Though this life

Was stolen from me.
I will always have these memories.

So when I think back,
To my life before

I'll know my house was full of love.
Behind our closed door.

Kael Grantham
Watched the Berlin Wall fall

The joy of all the reunited families
Watched the Twin Towers fall

The sadness swept across America
These pieces of history are a memory of me.

The mountains of Mexico glistered from the
The solid nights warmed by the

Frozen Waterfalls
The beautiful wildlife

This beautiful memory of mine,
Lying frightened under the mattress

Praying for the storm to pass
The wind snapping the trees.

Darkness through out the shaking house
Storms are a fearful memory of mine.

Families coming together
The joy of giving

Sr. Beta club members complete fund raising event

As a fundraiser, every Senior Beta member was to sell two tickets (worth .50 cents each) or donate \$1.00 for a chance to win a collectible Christmas ornament courtesy of Sr. Beta.

The student who sold the winning raffle was Mallory Allen, who sold it to her mother, Mrs. Jenny Allen. The Allens plan to display this ornament for many years to come. Thank you to all who participated by selling or purchasing ticket.

In other Sr. Beta news, all new members will be inducted in a special candle-lighting ceremony during the regular club meeting time, Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003.

Congratulations to all new members and many continued success for Sr. Beta.

Tiger Tales jumble puzzle...guess the title to the article

Can you guess the title to this article? Unscramble each word. Use the circled letters and unscramble them to figure out the title to Mary Katherine's article.

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Title:

The smiles on all your loved ones faces
Traditional southern food

Holidays are a warm memory of mine.
He can smile

Made me smile
Gave me a shoulder to cry on

Kyle's mark is on my heart
Love is a memory of mine

They have made me mad
Kept me in line

Listened, punished and rewarded
Taught me lessons in life

Hugged me when I was sad
Aggravated e beyond belief

We laughed and cried together
My family and friends are a memory of mine.

It is my time to go
God said so

Now, all I have is memories
Life lived is what I did

What wonderful memories God has given me.
Colby Capps

Now that it's over
I can finally realize the greatness of life

When you're there
you don't take time to think

of what might pass you by
Looking back now I see

what might've been.
That special friend that never knew

their true meaning to me.
Their precious smile

could brighten a day
Their kind word

Would lift me out of boredom.
Whether it was more than friendship

I will never know.
They were there no matter the time

they cared for me through the hard
and laughed through the good.

But now when I look back
I wonder is this the end

or the beginning.
For their memory still paves the way

and I just hope
that maybe I was half the friend

to them that they were to me.
Because they made my world

without even knowing it.

Pictured from left to right: Justin Allen, Heather Hayes and Mallory Allen.

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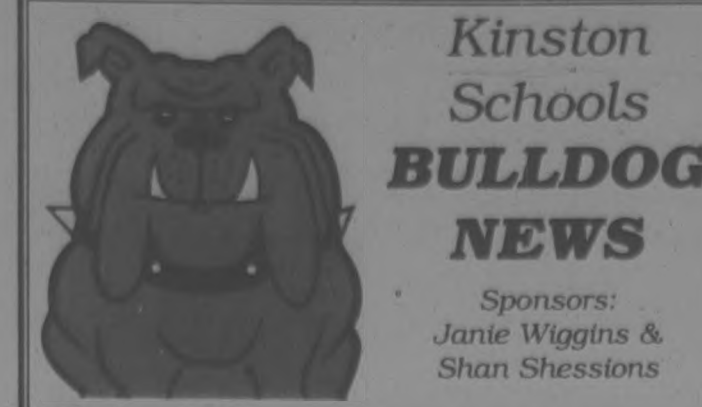
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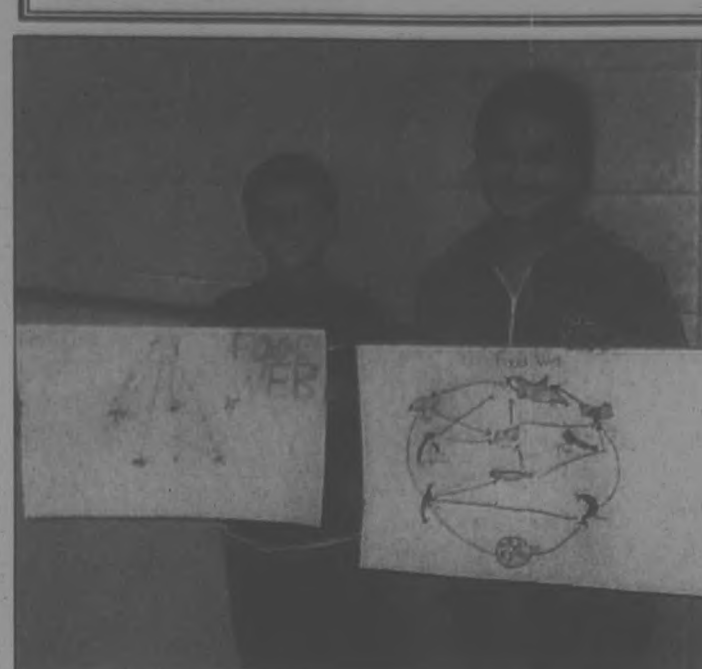
Kinston sixth grade students take trip to DeSoto Caverns

Submitted by Sallie Coale

The sixth grade field trip to DeSoto Caverns was a fascinating experience for all. The cave tour was wonderful. In the cave the students experienced total darkness, which is only available in three different places—in the cave, in outer space, and deep in the ocean. Also, during the darkness we watched an extraordinary light show. After the cave tour, students were able to go through a maze and pan for gold. It was also educational. The students learned the difference in stalagmites and stalactites. All the rocks were formed by water. The guide said if someone touched the formations they would dry up and stop growing. In conclusion, all the sixth graders had an awesome time.



Kinston Schools
BULLDOG NEWS
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Submitted by Maeghann Hawthorne

Support the Kinston Bulldogs During the 2003 Basketball Season!!



Each year the Kinston Elementary SGA goes to the Opp Nursing home to take socks for the residents there and hand out Christmas cards made by all the students-Kindergarten through sixth grade. The socks are donated by students at the school and placed under the school Christmas tree. This year's trip was held Dec. 19. Everyone was asked to donate socks to this worthy cause. Also, to add a little cheer the Kindergarten students went along with the SGA. The Kindergarteners sang Christmas carols to the residents. Those pictured include: Wesley Hunko, Ashton Parker, Jessie Sessions, Bethany Holley, Courtney Parish and Jake Blackmon.

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Students recognize people of courage

During the week of Dec. 2, Mrs. Homby's 4th grade class at Kinston School learned about courage. This was actually the word for the week in their Character Education curriculum. The student's were asked to choose someone whom they thought had shown courage and to give a report on him/her. The student's were required also to have some type visual—a poster, timeline, pictures, or even dress like the character.

All week the class was honored by visits from such famous people as: Helen Keller, Martin Luther King, Dale Earnhardt, Lane Beardon, Squanto, George Washington and Harriet Tubman, to uncles, friends, fathers and grandfathers who have served and are continuing to serve our country in service and as firefighters. During the week many of these reports were shared with Mrs. Smith's fourth grade class also.

Everyone agreed this activity was one of the most educational and interesting activities they had done all year.



Kinston Elementary students and Kinston High students experienced the true meaning of Christmas by collecting canned foods for less fortunate families. The Elementary Student Government Association, the High School BEA Club and the High School Student Government Association, sponsored the canned food drive. This year each family received a box of canned food and a canned ham. The hams were donated by Mr. Tom Walker, division manager, and Dyna-Corp. Shown below are Tasha Reeves, Megan Piland, Brittany Holley, Tara Williams, Ashley Johnson, Josh Odom and Matthew Wilkerson.

Sixth graders make sock snowmen

Submitted by Ashton Parker

Mrs. Moody's sixth grade class made sock snowmen. Mrs. Moody brought plain white socks for everyone's craft. To begin, the socks had to be turned inside out. A jar lid was placed in the bottom to make the sock stand up. Then, the students put rice in the sock to make it straight. Next, buttons were put in and straightened where the snowman would have no lumps. Then, a rubber band was tied at the top of the sock. A place for the head was picked out. Eyes and a red nose were added with markers. The top of the sock was turned down and a hat was made. Pom-poms were picked out and added to the top of the hat. Finally buttons were put on the snowmen, and they were put on display in the hallway for all the elementary to enjoy.



CONGRATS, TO ALL THE STUDENTS ON A JOB WELL DONE!!

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BREAKFAST

Monday - Lee/King's Birthday - Holiday

Tuesday - Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Pancakes, Sausage, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Pancake Pups, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Lee/King's Birthday - Holiday

Tuesday - Deli Turkey, Baked Ham, Turnips, Sweet Potato, Baked Corn Bread, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday - Cheese Pizza, Hot Dog, Whole Kernel Corn, Green Salad, Fruit, Cracker, Milk

Thursday - Spaghetti, Tuna Salad, English Peas, Cole Slaw, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Milk

Friday - Chicken Sandwich, Steak Sandwich, Green Salad, French Fries, Fruit, Cookie, Milk

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Views from....
THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have noticed over the past few weeks that no matter how bad the girls might feel during the day and how late they stay in bed in the morning, by nightfall they feel just good enough to get out of the house and go to bed. I am glad they are feeling better and hope that one day soon they will get over the winter blues, even if they do put even more miles on the car cruising the streets of our small town.

SPORTING AROUND THE AREA....

*** The Elba Tigers snapped their long losing streak and pulled two big upsets on the basketball court last week to push their win total to three. The Tigers returned from the holidays on Monday and surprised the highly-ranked Brantley Bulldogs 56-53, then the very next night made the ride across the county to Enterprise and stunned the 6A Wildcats 61-56. A lopsided loss to 3A power Abbeville on Friday night ended the two-game win streak, however, the Tigers needed the wins to gain some confidence heading into the final month of the season and now know that hard work pays off and that they can win when they play well. Senior guard Kyle English continued his outstanding play in all three games and stayed hot from behind the three-point line, while freshman guard Brandon Kelley found his range in the win over Enterprise and poured in sixteen points to help the Tigers get the big road win. Elba is still a long way from being a 3A contender, as was evident in its fifty-six point area loss to Abbeville, but the Tigers have finally started to put things together and the youngsters on the team have stepped up and begun to help on both ends of the court. The key to this year's team will be improvement, and that should be the basis on which the success of the Tigers is gauged, not their record. C'mon Tigers, your fans are getting excited and there are a lot of wins just in the schedule.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers returned to the court for the first time in almost a month and found the going way too tough in a forty-seven point loss to Abbeville. The Lady Tigers had won the Zion Chapel tournament in mid-December, but had not played since, and the girls appeared to be a little rusty and got caught flat-footed a few times against the powerful Lady Yellow Jackets. The Lady Tigers will get back on track real soon and add to their win total, but the girls are like the boys in that they field a very young team and on some nights it will show in lopsided defeats. The key is improvement, and it is clear to see that the girls are improving each and every night.

*** The county teams have continued their recent struggles on the court and with three weeks left in the regular season none of the teams appear locks to make it out of their area tournaments. Kinston has struggled since dropping three games in the Red Level tournament and will have to make huge strides to be a contender, while New Brockton has hit a lull and last week dropped games to Highland Home and Samson that many thought they had chances to win. Zion Chapel is still looking for its first win and will one night pull off an upset or two, but the Rebels appear out of the area race. Over on the girls side of the court, the Lady Gamecocks from New Brockton have a chance to advance if they play well, while Kinston seems to be looking for something good to happen as the Lady Bulldogs watch the losses mount. The Zion Chapel girls are looking for win number one, but might not be a factor in the area.

*** I talked with Elba's Coach Mike Waters last week and he stated that major work was going on to try and improve the drainage problems at Tiger Stadium. The 2002 high school football season was one of the wettest in years, and Coach Waters stated that the field in Elba wasn't dry the entire season, and since the season ended has gotten even worse. Back when the stadium was built it was supposed to be outfitted with an under-ground drainage system that would move tons of water in a short amount of time, but over the years something has happened and the field is now simply a bog. There is a lot of time to make improvements before next season, and I know the school officials are determined to get the problem fixed, once and for all.

*** It may not be true that new Alabama coach Mike Price is going to name his wife the new cheerleader sponsor so that his whole family can draw a check from the university, but it is clear that the new Bama head man has found out that being an assistant coach at Alabama is not a very attractive job. Price has talked with numerous coaches all around the nation in an attempt to put together a quality staff, but has had little luck. Maybe he should just sit back and hire some coaches that honestly want to be at Alabama and are willing to work through the down years that are coming its way.

*** I heard on a radio talk show that new Auburn offensive coordinator Hugh Hall would not be calling the plays at the games. Coach Hall said he will work with the staff to get a game plan in place during the week of the game, but will not actually call plays during the games. I hope his new title brought with it a big raise, because it seems to be that he may not be doing as much now as he did before when he was the line coach. Only at Auburn.

*** In closing...I went up to Zion Chapel's new baseball and softball fields last week and was surprised how good both fields looked. There is no doubt that both fields still have many hours of work ahead before the start of the season, but the fields are in good shape and will house the Rebels and Lady Rebels this season. The students, players, coaches and parents up at Zion Chapel should all be very proud and should support the Rebels and Lady Rebels when they hit the fields.

Upset Enterprise 61-56

For Tigers third time is the charm

The Elba Tigers and Enterprise Wildcats met for the third time this season last Tuesday night in Enterprise and the third time proved to be the charm for the Tigers as they stunned their 6A neighbors 61-56.

The win was the second straight for the Tigers and upped Elba's record to 3-6, while Enterprise slipped to 4-9 with the loss.

Elba jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on a three-pointer by Kyle English and owned a 6-2 lead with 6:14 left in the opening stanza after a short jumper by Marchello Reed. Enterprise went on an 8-0 run midway through the quarter to grab a 10-6 lead with 4:21 remaining and led 12-7 with 3:11 left in the stanza, only to see Elba rally behind the outside shooting of Kyle English and Brandon Kelley to pull the Tigers within 14-12 by the end of the quarter.

The Wildcats regained control early in the second quarter and owned an 18-12 lead with 6:54 left in the stanza, but a short jumper by Quinton Gavin and a three-pointer by Brandon Kelley sparked the Tigers and cut the Enterprise lead to 18-17 with 5:15 left. The Wildcats upped their advantage to 22-17 midway through the second quarter and appeared to be back in charge, but the Tigers had a late rally led by the inside play of Marchello Reed and a long three-pointer by Marcus Henderson regained the lead for the first time since early in the game at 25-24 with 3:14 left in the half. The county rivals swapped baskets for the remainder of the quarter, with Elba going in at the half with a 30-29 lead after a late jumper by Kyle English.

The three-pointer by Kyle English and baskets inside by Marcus Henderson and Marchello Reed enabled the Tigers to stretch their lead to 37-29 early in the third quarter, and

when Brandon Kelley nailed a three-pointer with 5:13 remaining of the game at 42-32! The Tigers' lead went to 47-35 with 3:15 left in the stanza on a lay-up by Mason Gullett, but the Wildcats refused to quit on their home court and cut the lead to 49-42 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats pulled within 49-44 early in the fourth quarter and got within 53-52 with 4:13 left in the game, only to see Elba end a three-minute scoreless streak with a basket by Marchello Reed that gave the Tigers a 55-52 lead with 2:58 left. Quinton Gavin scored on a baseline jumper with 2:12 remaining to up the Elba lead to 57-52, and the Tigers hit on 5 of 8 free-throws down the stretch to hold on and claim the wild 61-56 win.

Kyle English scored 18 points to lead Elba, while freshman Brandon Kelley added a season high 16. Roberts scored 11 points to lead Enterprise.

EL 12 18 19 12 • 61
EN 14 15 13 14 • 56

Elba (61): English 18, Gavin 4, Kelley 16, Gullett 6, Reed 9, Williams 1, Henderson 7.

Enterprise (56): Hill 6, Mann 5, Roberts 11, Jones 8, Gray 6, Johnson 6, Fessler 8, Williams 10.

(B GAME)

The Elba Tiger B team was no match as it fell to Enterprise 54-27. Luke Johnson scored 7 points to lead Elba, while Williams scored 18 for Enterprise.

Enterprise (54): Williams 18, Kirkland 2, Collins 2, Cabaris 4, Johnson 7, Townsend 7, Crouch 9, Stephenson 11.

Elba (27): Skinner 6, Burks 4, Johnson 7, Hill 3, Morris 3.

Tigers no match for Yellow Jackets, ambushed by Abbeville 100-44

The Elba Tigers traveled to the campus of Wallace Community College on Friday night to battle the second-ranked Abbeville Yellow Jackets and found out first hand why the Jackets are ranked among the state's best as Abbeville handed the Tigers a 100-44 whipping.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 3-7, 0-1 in area play, while Abbeville improved to 16-2, 2-0 with the win.

Elba's Kyle English nailed a three-pointer with 7:20 remaining in the opening stanza to give the Tigers an early 3-2 lead. However, Abbeville outscored the Tigers 13-1 over the next five minutes of play to pull out to a 15-4 advantage, and despite late three-pointers by Elba's Kyle English and Brandon Kelley, the Yellow Jackets carried a big 25-10 lead into the second quarter.

A 9-0 Abbeville run to open the second quarter upped the Yellow Jacket lead to 34-10, and the remainder of the half was all Abbeville as the Yellow Jackets dominated action on both ends of the court to take a lopsided 48-15 lead at intermission.

Abbeville's lead quickly grew to 54-15 in the third quarter, and even though the Tigers matched the Jackets basket for basket for the remainder of the stanza, Elba failed to cut into the Abbeville lead and trailed 68-28 heading into quarter number

four.

Elba's Marcus Henderson drilled a three-pointer early in the fourth quarter as Elba pulled within 68-31, but Abbeville responded with a six-point spurt to up its lead to 76-31 and coasted in with the easy 100-44 area win over the Tigers.

Kyle English scored 15 points and Marcus Henderson added 10 to lead the Tigers, while Chris Jackson scored 20 points to lead Abbeville, and Victor Lawrence added 14.

A 25 23 20 32 • 100
E 10 5 13 16 • 44

Aville (100): Smith 6, Crawford 6, Glanton 2, Sewell 10, Sampson 9, Durr 5, Knight 8, Graddock 12, Jackson 20, Lawrence 14, Danzey 8.

Elba (44): English 15, Gavin 4, Kelley 6, Gullett 2, Reed 7, Henderson 10.

(B GAME)

The Elba B team Tigers dropped a 68-23 decision to the Abbeville Yellow Jackets, in action on Friday night as their record slipped to 2-4.

Aville (68): Richards 2, Knight 2, Newman 12, Jones 6, McNair 4, Grubbs 10, Freeman 2, Mills 29.

Elba (23): Skinner 2, Carr 3, Burks 5, Cook 5, Foushee 1, Hill 4, Morris 3.

LIBERTY BELLES
SOFTBALL TRYOUT NOTICE:

The 10 yrs. and under Liberty Belles traveling tournament team will be holding tryouts at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25 (weather permitting) at the Recreation Center Field in Enterprise. Anyone 10-years-old or younger on Jan. 1, 2003 that is interested in playing competitive fast pitch softball should call Michael Perry at (334)347-8088.

Plans underway for golf classic

Preparations are now being made for the annual Five Star Credit Union Ladies Golf Classic and Art Auction. The event will be held at Dothan



Elba's Marcus Henderson (32) goes high to lay in a basket during a recent Tiger basketball game. Henderson helped the Tigers claim wins over Brantley and Enterprise last week as Elba started the new year with a two-game winning streak.

Elba bounces Brantley 56-53

The Elba Tigers returned to action on Monday night after a long holiday break and opened the new year in style with a surprising 56-53 upset win over the eighth-ranked Brantley Bulldogs in Elba.

Elba fell behind 4-0 in the opening stanza after a short jumper by Brantley's Terrell Foster, but got on the scoreboard and pulled ahead 42-36 with 6:44 remaining when Mason Gullett scored from in close. A Joshua Daniels bucket with 4:28 left pulled Brantley within 44-43; however, Elba again answered the Bulldog rally and moved ahead 48-44 with 3:17 left on a bucket by Marcus Henderson. The Tigers stretched their lead to 50-45 with 2:53 left on a Marchello Reed lay-up and went up 52-46 with 2:21 remaining when Kyle English hit two free-throws, only to see Brantley stage one final rally and catch the Tigers at 53-53 with 5:53 left on a three-pointer by Joshua Daniels. Elba's Kyle English hit two free-throws with 3:2 remaining as the Tigers moved back on top 55-53, and Marcus Henderson added a late free-throw to help the Tigers escape with the exciting 56-53 win.

Kyle English scored 21 points to lead Elba, while Marcus Henderson added 13 and Marchello Reed scored 10. Terrell Foster scored 16 points to lead Brantley and Joshua Daniels added 14.

E 12 16 9 19 • 56
B 14 5 15 19 • 53

Elba (56): English 21, Kelley 6, Gullett 6, Reed 10, Henderson 13.

Brantley (53): Foster 16, Person 12, Brundidge 5, Daniels 14, Jones 2, Wiley 2, Skanes 1.

Elba Lady Tigers fall hard to Abbeville Lady Jackets 68-21

The Elba Lady Tigers battled the ninth-ranked Abbeville Lady Jackets Friday night and came out on the short end of a lopsided 68-21 decision. Ayonna Proctor scored 10 points to lead the (3-6) Lady Tigers, while Robin Porter scored 20 points to

lead the (10-3) Lady Jackets.

Aville (68): Cappy 1, Reynolds 8, Spann 4, Baker 6, Porter 20, Johnson 4, Wells 7, Flucker 14, A. Spann 4.

Elba (21): Proctor 10, Mack 4, Lawford 3, Reynolds 2, Hill 2.

SPORTS

In boys and girls divisions

Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA youth basketball season opens with a bang

The Elba Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Youth Basketball League has started its 2003 season for boys and girls, and following are results of the opening week's action:

BOYS BASKETBALL

*** Slocomb 36 Elba 32 - Elba fell behind early and never caught up in a 36-32 loss to Slocomb, in Boys 14 and Under action. Elba trailed 15-4 after one quarter and staged a late rally, only to fall short. Scoring for Elba were Chase Graham 10, Jordan Flowers 7, Chase Boutwell 6, Antwon Tillis 4, Juan Starks 3 and Brandon Harbuck 2. Merritt and Goulet both scored 11 points to lead Slocomb.

*** Slocomb 48 Elba 22 - Elba dropped their second game of the season as Slocomb pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to post a 48-22 win. Elba trailed only 8-6 after one quarter, but then watched as Slocomb pulled away. Scoring for Elba were Chase Graham 7, John Jared 4, Dustin Rhoades 4, Juan Starks 2, Antwon Tillis 2 and Alan Willis 1. Merritt scored 14 points to lead Slocomb.

*** Greenville 42 Elba 32 - Elba saw Greenville pull away in the second half as they dropped a 42-32 decision, in Boys 14 and Under action. Elba trailed only 18-15 at the half, but couldn't keep up the pace as Greenville pulled away for the win. Juan Starks scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Jordan Flowers added 9. Chase Graham 6, Chafin Johnson 2, Antwon Tillis 2 and Brandon Harbuck 2. Gregory and Carter both scored

14 points to lead Greenville.

*** Greenville 46 Elba 17 - Greenville led all the way to complete the two game sweep over Elba 46-16, in Boys 14 and Under action. Chase, Graham scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Juan Starks added 4 and Chafin Johnson scored 3. Turk scored 17 points to lead Greenville.

*** Lakers 27 Magic 21 - The Lakers pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Magic 27-21, in Boys 12 and Under action. The Lakers owned a 13-7 halftime lead and held on to open the season with the win. Scoring for the Lakers were Jordan McBride 10, Richard Cooks 8, Blake Qualls 5, Will Gray 2 and Donita Tillis 2. Scoring for the Magic were Gavin Flowers 10, Jason Mitchell 5, Keenan Phillips 4 and Cameron Hall 2.

*** Mavericks 21 Hornets 9 - The Mavericks led all the way to down the Hornets 21-9, in Boys 6 and Under action. The Mavericks owned an 8-4 lead the half and then pulled away for the big win. Scoring for the Mavericks were Kysan Edwards 12, Caleb Martin 5 and Elijah Whitfield 4. Scoring for the Hornets were Nicholas Green 6, Ty Stewart 2 and Miguel Banks 1.

*** Nets 21 Opp 18 - The Nets had to battle until the final horn to defeat Opp 21-18, in Boys 10 and Under action. The Nets pulled ahead 14-11 in the first half and held on for the win. Scoring for the Nets were Kareem Siler 12, Chance Goosby 5 and Janzen Flowers 4. Scoring for Opp were Gavin

Free 8, Britt Wilson 5, Justin Brooks 3 and Alex Banks 2.

*** Opp 38 Magic 23 - The Magic fell behind early and never caught up in a 38-23 loss to Opp, in Boys 12 and Under action. The Magic fell behind 18-9 by the end of the second quarter and never rallied in the loss. Scoring for the Magic were Jason Mitchell 7, Gavin Flowers 6, Bradley Wilson 5, Jamison Baker 2, Dekembe Bullard 2 and Cameron Hall 1. Scoring for Opp were Clay Craig 14, Mark Linton 6, Timothy Donaldson 4, W.C. Lane 4, Spencer Wade 4 and Michael Scofield 2.

*** Nuggets 15 Rockets 12 - The Nuggets pulled ahead in the second quarter and held on in the second half to edge past the Rockets 15-12, in Boys 8 and Under action. The Rockets jumped out to a 6-3 first quarter lead, but failed to score in the second quarter as the Nuggets pulled ahead 7-6, and then saw a late rally fall short. Scoring for the Nuggets were Tyler Anderson 8, Austin Johnson 6 and Martin Henderson 1. Scoring for the Rockets were Connor Kelley 6, Sage Kelley 3, Jason Kelley 1, Jaban Newsome 1 and Joey Orr 1.

*** Nets 55 Heat 22 - The Nets pulled ahead early and pulled away late to defeat the Heat 55-22, in Boys 10 and Under action. The Nets led only 18-13 at the half, but broke loose late and rolled to the big win. Scoring for the Nets were Kareem Siler 22, Chance Goosby 16, Janzen Flowers 13 and Kevin Allen 12. Scoring for the Heat were Kevin Allen 12, Alonzo Rogers 9 and Tyrone

Burks 1.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

*** Starz 10 Mercury 10 - The Starz and Mercury opened the season by battling to a 10-10 tie, in Girls 12 and Under action. The Mercury led 6-5 heading into the final quarter, only to see the Starz rally to pull even. Scoring for the Starz were Brandy Caldwell 5 and April Finedore 5. Scoring for the Mercury were Jeanita Burks 4, JoJo McBride 2, Danielle Hardwick 2 and Kela Miller 2.

*** Comets 28 Rockets 8 - The Comets led all the way to defeat the Rockets 28-6, in Girls 8 and Under action. The Comets pulled out to a 14-6 halftime lead and rolled to the win. Scoring for the Comets were Kei-Una Edwards 10, Jacquetta Whitfield 10, Alondria Sams 4 and Jessica Whitfield 4. Scoring for the Rockets were Macie Sanders 4, Ty Tiana Carpenter 2, Kayla McWaters 1 and Reality Singletary 1.

YOUTH BASKETBALL
SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 16

In Elba:

5:30 - Hornets vs. Mavericks

5:30 - Nuggets vs. Rockets

In Opp:

5:30 - Heat vs. Opp

6:30 - Lakers vs. Opp

Saturday, Jan. 18

5:00 - Greenville vs. Elba

3:00 - Greenville vs. Elba

Monday, Jan. 20

5:30 - Starz vs. Mercury

6:30 - Magic vs. Lakers

Tuesday, Jan. 21

5:30 - Comets vs. Rockets

6:30 - Hornets vs. Mavericks

High School
BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, JAN. 16

Elba at Straughn (4:30) JV-VG-VB

Antion at Kinston (4:30) JV-VG-VB

FRIDAY, JAN. 17

Luverne at Elba (4:30) JV-VG-VB

G.W. Long at New Brockton (4:30) JV-VG-VB

Cottonwood at Kinston (6:00) VG-VB

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

Straughn at Elba (4:30) JV-VG-VB

New Brockton at Highland Home (4:30) JV-VG-VB

Kinston at Zion Chapel (4:30) JV-VG-VB

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Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only and is for boys and girls ages 10-19. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 8 foreign countries attended the 2002 camps. Area camp locations include Atlanta, GA; Babson Park, FL; Hickory, N.C. For a free brochure call (704) 373-0973.

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High School
Roundball Roundup

Zion Chapel tripped up by Cottonwood 64-42

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their victory drought continue Monday night in Cottonwood when they were defeated by the Cottonwood Bears 64-42. Michael Rayburn scored 13 points to lead the Rebels, while Chris Trawick scored 16 points and Allen Williams added 14 for the (4-7) Bears.

Z.C. Lady Rebels mauled by Lady Bears 62-23

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never recovered Monday night in a 62-23 loss to Cottonwood. Inessa Wambles scored 16 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Vanna Richardson scored 21 points and Kareem Trawick added 16 for Cottonwood.

Kinston Bulldogs roll past Geneva County 71-44

The Kinston Bulldogs got back on track Tuesday night with a 71-44 romp past the Geneva County Bulldogs. Lee Whigham scored 26 points to lead the (5-9) Bulldogs, while J.T. Wiggins added 19 and Jeremy Driver added 10. Larry Sullen scored 20 points for Geneva County.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs fall to Geneva County 28-22

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs never got their offense in gear and suffered a low-scoring 28-22 setback to the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs. Rammi Smith scored 10 points to lead Kinston, while Candace Ball scored 8 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Geneva County.

New Brockton upset by Highland Home 60-56

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled until the final horn before falling to the Highland Home Flying Squad 60-56. Last Tuesday night in New Brockton. Brett Parrish poured in 29 points to lead the Gamecocks, while D.J. Chambers scored 18 points to lead Highland Home.

New Brockton Gamecocks battle past Kinston 51-39

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their dominance over county opponents with a 51-39 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Thursday night in New Brockton. Donnell Foster scored 14 points and Rishawn Foster added 10 to lead the Gamecocks, while Lee Whigham led the Bulldogs with 15 points.

Zion Chapel Rebels stumble in Ariton 63-36

The Zion Chapel Rebels remained winless on the season Thursday night with a 63-36 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Michael Rayburn scored 16 points and Sam Wambles added 10 points to lead the Rebels, while T.R. Oliver and Joe Lightner both scored 12 points for the Purple Cats.

N.B. Lady Gamecocks roll past Kinston 49-41

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks had to fight for all four quarters to post an exciting 49-41 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Renita Lawson scored 19 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Maresa Loman added 12 and Connie Brown scored 11. Rammi Smith scored 16 points to lead Kinston.

Z.C. Lady Rebels drop decision to Ariton 57-31

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a hard fought 57-31 decision to the Ariton Lady Cats. Thursday night. Inessa Wambles scored 22 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Sherylin Liprott scored 22 points for the Lady Cats.

New Brockton Gamecocks fall hard to Samson 55-38

The New Brockton Gamecocks hosted the Samson Tigers on Friday night and dropped a big 55-38 loss to the Tigers. Lance Peacock scored 18 points to lead the (13-5) Tigers, while Lanorris Smith and Brandon Owen both scored 14 points for the Gamecocks.

Kinston Bulldogs fall to Houston County 65-54

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Columbia Friday night and suffered a 65-54 defeat in a key area contest. Jermaine Reese scored 21 points to lead the (3-9) Lions, while Tavares Black added 19.

Brantley Bulldogs ambushed by Florala 58-41

The Brantley Bulldogs suffered a 58-41 defeat to the Florala Wildcats on Friday night, in Florala. Brantley scored 29 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to lead the Wildcats, while Robby Evans added 15 points.

N.B. Lady Gamecocks ripped by Samson 49-25

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks battled the highly-ranked Samson Lady Tigers on Friday night and suffered a 49-25 loss. Rena Donaldson scored 16 points to

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Upon retirement as judge

Gary McAiley honored with ceremony

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court Judge Gary McAiley officially said "so long" to his judge's seat Friday afternoon, Jan. 17, as he was honored with a retirement celebration inside the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise.

McAiley recently accepted an appointment from the governor to serve as district attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Alabama for the next two years in place of former district attorney Mark Fuller who accepted an appointment to a federal judgeship.

With McAiley set to begin a new phase in his career, he chose to retire from his judge's seat thus allowing his colleagues, family and friends to gather Friday in honor of his career as a judge which extends over more than a quarter of a century.

McAiley began his judge's career in Kinston. He was the last Inferior Judge for Coffee County and elected the first District Judge for the county.

In speaking of McAiley's

new venture, Judge Steven Blair said, "This is, I think, the start of another career for Judge McAiley."

Many of the speakers took an opportunity to joke with McAiley about his career as a judge and his switch to prosecu-

tor, but all seemed to agree that he has served the people of the area well as a judge for Coffee and Pike counties.

"His professionalism, knowl-

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Two judge vacancies filled

Governor Don Siegelman made a couple more decisions affecting Coffee County before leaving office recently as he named a new circuit judge for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit and a new district judge for Coffee County.

The circuit judge spot became vacant following the appointment of Gary McAiley as district attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, and Siegelman named Judge Steven E. Blair to that spot.

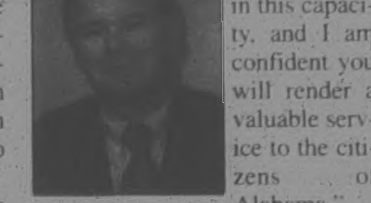
Blair's appointment became

effective Monday, Jan. 13; however, his appointment left a vacancy in the district judge's spot for Coffee County.

Therefore, Siegelman filled this post by naming John C. Dowling of Enterprise as the new district judge for Coffee County. His appointment also became effective Monday, Jan. 13.

Each judge was notified of the appointment by letter from Siegelman in which he said, "I

appreciate your serving in this capacity, and I am confident you will render a valuable service to the citizens of Alabama."



John Dowling

Mobile home fire claims infant's life



Tragedy struck just south of Kinston Saturday, Jan. 18, when an afternoon mobile home fire claimed the life of one child and caused injuries to two other children. At approximately 4:28 p.m. last Saturday, the Kinston Fire Department was notified of a mobile home fire on Coffee County Rd. 479 just inside the Covington County line (2 miles south of Kinston on the Covington/Coffee County line). Upon arrival, firefighters found the home of David and Staci Wise burning with three young children trapped inside, along with a 16-year-old male (whose name was not available). The 16-year-old, reported as the babysitter, was able to remove one child and assisted emergency personnel in removing the other two from the mobile home; however, the youngest of the three, 18-month-old D.J. Wise, died from injuries sustained. The two other brothers, Alex and Austin, also sustained injuries and were transported to Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp and then later to the Shriners Burn Center in Birmingham. The 16-year-old was also taken to Mizell Memorial but was released after an overnight stay. Also responding to the fire were units from the Opp Fire Department, Ino Fire Department, Flat Creek Fire Department and Covington County Sheriff's Department. According to authorities, the cause of the fire is still under investigation by various agencies and State Fire Marshal Kenny Hardin.

Elba native appointed by Gov. Riley as legal advisor

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Prior to his inauguration on Monday of this week, Governor Bob Riley spent the past few weeks appointing individuals to serve in his cabinet, and an Elba native received one of those appointments last Thursday, Jan. 16.

Troy King, age 34, formerly of Elba, was appointed to be Riley's legal advisor. King joins the cabinet after serving

most recently as assistant attorney general to Bill Pryor.

"As a member of my staff for the last four years, Troy has demonstrated a remarkable work ethic, sterling integrity, balanced judgment, a keen intellect and adherence to conservative principles," Pryor said in a prepared statement. "Troy brings to the job of legal advisor a wealth of experience gained not only in

office but in service as deputy

legal advisor and executive secretary to Governor Fob James."

Pryor went on to say that

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Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton. The public is invited to attend.

THE ELBA CITY COUNCIL will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. in the council chamber of the city hall. The public is invited to attend.

NEW BROCKTON HONORS KING...Citizens of New Brockton were greeted by a sunny day Monday, Jan. 20, as they gathered for a "Walk in Remembrance" honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. More than 50 individuals attended a short service at the old Warren Smith School before beginning their journey from the school to Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Through the years, New Brockton has continued to celebrate Dr. King's life with the walk in remembrance in hopes of keeping his "dream" alive. Once those participating in the walk reached the church, a formal program was presented, and the celebration reminded everyone of the importance of the day.

Elba City School Board hears report of continued progress on financial status

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board heard an upbeat report Tuesday evening, January 14th as Superintendent Danny Weeks reported the system continues to pull away from the financial crisis it was facing a year ago.

Weeks added that if state funds continue to be allocated as approved by the Alabama legislature, the local system will continue to survive and furnish a quality education to area children.

However if a revenue shortfall on the state level again forces proration as some experts are predicting, the local system could again be in a crisis situation, according to Weeks.

In addition to the dedicated efforts of the entire staff and administration of the school system, the volunteer donations of local citizens through the utility bill check off continues to be a big boost to the system. Mr. Weeks noted that a recent letter to former students is beginning to pay financial dividends to the school system. Some respondents are paying the monthly donation and some are sending in a full year's amount at one time.

The financial picture will also be some better when the recently passed wet-dry petition begins to generate tax monies for the schools.

David Stokes reported to the school board on the status of

several federal programs and the impact each has on the local school system.

According to Stokes, there is over \$300,000 a year presently

this funding is through the "No Child Left Behind" program, which is divided into more than one category.

The old Title I reading program gets \$260,000 a year; Title II, Professional Development is funded for \$72,000; and a competitive Technology grant of \$54,000 is to develop and upgrade the computers and connecting network. There is also a \$6,000 grant that is used to operate the ISS (in school suspension) program and a Title IV grant of \$5,000 from the Safe & Drug Free Schools program.

Stokes said the computer network is used extensively. Every classroom has at least two computers on the system wide network and this computer network is used extensively, especially in the lower grades in the accelerated reading and math programs.

In other business Weeks reported that the Elba Water & Electric Department was assisting with adding lighting to the connector road around the school complex.

Utility Board adjusts usage rates on some local commercial high volume water users

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board voted at its last meeting on January 13th to roll back some of the commercial water rate hikes added last year. The

category from 20,000 gallons to 1,000,000 gallons will be at \$1.25 per thousand gallons and over one million at \$1.00 per thousand gallons.

Board members also approved a resolution to review all water rates each January and consider increasing at the cost of living rate annually rather than the large hikes as passed last year.

Board members were also told that Elba's wholesale electric supplier, AEC, had higher margins than expected and Elba would get a \$24,651 credit on wholesale electric costs.

Superintendent James Grimes reported that city officials are talking with someone interested in the city owned spec building, located in the industrial park. He explained that before any action is taken on this prospect, he will be reporting back to both the city council and the utility board. The two had agreed to share the cost of constructing the facility, which was built with an interest free loan.